

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A semiconductor device including

a variable capacitor, the variable capacitor comprising

a first semiconductor layer of a first conductivity type,

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a second semiconductor layer epitaxially grown on the first semiconductor layer,

wherein a PN junction region serving as a variable capacitance is formed at a boundary between the first

10 semiconductor layer and the second semiconductor layer.

2. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, further including a bipolar transistor having

a third semiconductor layer, and

15 a fourth semiconductor layer epitaxially grown on the third semiconductor layer,

wherein the fourth semiconductor layer has a base layer epitaxially grown simultaneously with the second semiconductor layer.

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3. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the first semiconductor layer is a Si layer, and the second semiconductor layer is a $\text{Si}_{1-x-y}\text{Ge}_x\text{C}_y$ layer ($0 < x < 1$, $0 \leq y < 1$).

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4. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, further including an oscillation circuit, wherein the variable capacitor is connected to the oscillation circuit.

5 5. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device including a variable capacitor and a bipolar transistor on a common semiconductor substrate, comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a first semiconductor layer of a first conductivity type in a region of the semiconductor substrate where the variable capacitor is to be formed, and forming a second semiconductor layer of the first conductivity type in a region of the semiconductor substrate where the bipolar transistor is to be formed; and

(b) after the step (a), forming a third semiconductor layer on the first semiconductor layer of the semiconductor substrate and forming a fourth semiconductor layer on the second semiconductor layer both by an epitaxial growth method.

6. The method according to claim 5, wherein a collector diffusion layer of the bipolar transistor is formed in the step (a), and a base layer of the bipolar transistor is formed in the step (b).

7. The method according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the third and fourth semiconductor layers each including a Si_{1-x}

$_y\text{Ge}_x\text{C}_y$ layer ($0 < x < 1, 0 \leq y < 1$) are formed in the step (b).